

St. James Anglican Church

Huron Community of Churches

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Holy Eucharist and Anointing – 10 a.m.

Service of Leave Taking of Ven. John E. Anderson

Celebrant & Homilist: Ven. John Anderson

Guest Organist ~ Choir Director: Blair Bailey



Preludes	"Bunessan"	arr. M. Higgins
	"Comfort"	arr. R. Lloyd
	"Beach Spring"	arr. Wilbur Held
Processional	#482 (CP) "Come and Journey with a Saviour" (v. 1-5)	
Welcome	Canon Laura Walton	

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Hymn #465 (CP) "Here in this Place New Light is Streaming" (v. 1, 2, 4)

Gathering Prayer

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Job 12: 7 – 10 *Beth Morum*

'But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 85: 10 – 13 *Sheila Hamilton*

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

A Reading from Romans 8:31-39 Maryan Vincent

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gradual Hymn #502 (CP) 'You are Salt of the Earth" (v. 1, 2)
(Cantor Alan Cooper)

The Gospel *Rev. Jim Ferry (Gospeller)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown

out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:13-16*

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn #502 (CP) "You are the Salt of the Earth" (v. 3,4)

Sermon Ven. John Anderson

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

On the 15th day of September 2017 I was inducted by Bishop Peter Fenty, as Incumbent of the Parish of St. James, Orillia and on the 13th day of March 2025, I was inducted by Bishop Riscylla Shaw as the Incumbent of St. Athanasius, St. David Anglican-Lutheran, St. George, Fairvalley; St. John Waverly, and the Parish of Washago-Price's Corners and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state my tenure as your rector ends this day.

Rev. Carol Hardie, Honorary Assistant: Do you the people of St. James and the Community of Churches of Huronia, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

Let us Pray,

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Now we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing near ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of our saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of the People *Joanne Reid, Lay-Reader,*
 St. George, Fairvalley

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, our laity, lay-readers, clergy, and bishops, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Archdeacon John, continue to listen to the call of Jesus, whom we call Christ, to respond to Christ's call on your life in new ways as the Spirit leads you.

We bless you now and always.

For the all the parishes of Huronia – be bold soul-friendly communities of faith, healing and peace. Continue to respond to Christ's call to minister with love. Read the signs of the times with wisdom and courage as you are shaped by Christ for the well-being and shalom of all our communities.

We are blest now and always.

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon those in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us and help us to eliminate cruelty wherever it is found. Strengthen those who seek equality for all. Grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the abundance of this land; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord our creator, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend our neighbourhood to your care, that it might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you the homeless, the destitute, the sick, the aged, and all who have none to care for them. Heal those who are broken in body or spirit and turn their sorrow into joy. We invite you to name those who are on your

heart and mind either silently or out loud. Grant this for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist and Anointing

Offertory Hymn #466 (CP) "How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

Prayer over the Gifts:

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***All:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

***All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Land of Rest, CP 719)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore; we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and

live as Christ's body in the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for you, the holy people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Lamb of God #745 (CP)

Choir Anthem "One Communion"

Text: John Parker

Music: David Lantz XIII

Communion Hymns

- #21 (CP) "Come, Holy Ghost"
#531 (CP) "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"
#73 (CP) "One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All"

Prayer after Communion

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #418 (CP) "Draw the Circle Wide"

Dismissal

Deacon: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude "Paean" *Peter Hurford (1930-1019)*

Celebrant	Archdeacon John E. Anderson
Clergy	Rev. Carol Hardie Honorary Assistant Rev. Samuel Fayomi, Associate, Rev. Ron McLean
Territorial Archdeacon:	Canon Laura Walton, ODT
Deacon	Rev. Jim Ferry
Readers	Beth Morum, Sheila Hamilton, Maryan Vincent
Greeters:	Chip & Ann Weist, Cheryl Behan, Barry Greenwood
Intercessor	Joanne Reid
Crucifier:	David Simpson
Chalice	Gord Launchbury, Nancy Hannah, Ron Clarke, Jen Hill, Doctor Robert Duck
Anointers	Catherine King, Diane Campbell, Lesley Rice, Sylvia Baker, Kate Allen,

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